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BUTTERWORTH	2 Aug	0730	Lt STEELE departed for Orientation and Observation Tour S VIETNAM. Due to return on 12 Aug.	
	2 Aug	1200	111 Bty participated in Ex GUNEX THREE, 11 guns being deployed. 11 strikes were made by CANBERRA ac between 030600 and 031150 hrs, and the average Unit engagement was 4 secs by each of 6 guns.	
	3 Aug	1100	Twelve KIRBY-LAUSON 1 Kw-battery chargers arrived at unit, to alleviate the gun battery charging problem. They will immediately replace ONAN off-mounting chargers.	
	4 Aug	1435-1455	During a visit to the Base, Air Chief Marshal Sir John GRANDY, KCB, KBE, DSO, Cinc Far East inspected one unit gun position and the LAACP.	
	6 Aug	1700	First gun of A Troop plus detachment departed by air for SINGAPORE for AUGUST practice firing at CHINA ROCK.	

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<u>BUTTERWORTH</u>	<u>7 Aug</u>	<u>1357</u>	<u>Second A Troop gun and detachment departed by air bound for CHINA ROCK. OC Party Lt HORTON, due to return on 17 Aug.</u>	
	<u>11 Aug</u>	<u>0800</u>	<u>Visit to unit by Chaplain STACK, RC Chaplain TERENDAK Garrison To depart on 13 Aug.</u>	
	<u>11 Aug</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>BC departed for conference at HQ FEAF on GUNEX THREE and FEAF SOPs. To return on 13 Aug.</u>	
	<u>13 Aug</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>HQ FEAF issued warning order to be prepared for increase to maximum alert states, including recovery of eqpt undergoing servicing and maintenance. Action taken - all members to sign out giving destination on local leave, and signal sent to Austarm and Malaya Area asking for urgent action on wiring for two unserviceable guns.</u>	
	<u>13 Aug</u>	<u>1400-1530</u>	<u>Helicopter used for visibility and coverage test of a new OP layout for BUTTERWORTH Base. Results were good, and the new layout is expected to be adopted shortly.</u>	

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BUTTERWORTH	17 Aug	1230	Two guns and detachments returned from CHINA ROCK . 346 rds 40 mm HE were fired, one shooting day having been lost due to bad weather. Practice results were satisfactory.	
	23 Aug	0830-1300	Visit by Maj CRAIG, 1 Psych Unit, to conduct a test of Army newspaper reader opinion, and interview candidates for offr courses.	
	25 Aug	0950-1050	Exercise to test bomber tactics by No 2 Sqn RAAF. 5 Unit guns and 7 guns of No 1 Sqn RAF Regt deployed in airfield defence, to assess effectiveness of different types of CANBERRA ac tactics. All guns engaged, with an average possible engagement time on each strike of up to 12 secs.	
	25 Aug	1200	Third gun out of action pending major rewiring, in this occasion of the 25 ft loom to the control column. AUSTARM signalled on 26 Aug, asking for approval to experiment with repairs using RAF cable. Serviceable guns now reduced to 10.	

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